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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 539)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring reports from the department of education and
2 from school districts relating to student achievement,
3 percentile rank, and grade level equivalency.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code Supplement 2005, is amended
1 2 by adding the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 55. Annually report to the chairpersons
1 4 of the standing senate and house of representatives committees
1 5 on education the progress made toward reporting student
1 6 achievement statewide and at the district level according to
1 7 cohort groups based upon the department's individual student
1 8 record system. Not later than July 1, 2008, the department
1 9 shall report statewide student achievement based upon cohorts
1 10 of students.
1 11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 279.63 STUDENT PERCENTILE RANK AND
1 12 GRADE LEVEL EQUIVALENCY REPORT.
1 13 The board of directors of each school district shall report
1 14 to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in grades
1 15 three through nine in the school district, who is administered
1 16 the Iowa test of basic skills or the Iowa test of educational
1 17 development, the Iowa and national percentile rank and the
1 18 Iowa and national grade level equivalency in each of the
1 19 subject areas for which the student was tested. The school
1 20 district shall provide a brief description of how the Iowa
1 21 testing program determined the levels.
1 22 Whenever the board of directors of a school district
1 23 includes Iowa and national student proficiency in the student
1 24 achievement report to the community pursuant to section 256.7,
1 25 subsection 21, paragraph "c", the district shall also include
1 26 the number and percentage of students at the six achievement
1 27 levels provided by the Iowa testing program.
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